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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/756,722; Filed: January 10, 2001

For: System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Responding to

Natural Language Queries

Inventors:

Galitsky et al.

Our Ref:

1964.0010001/DKSC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
- 2. Return postcard; and
- 3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$510.00 to cover extension for response within three (3) months.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from September 25, 2004 to December 25, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$510.00 for a three-month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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